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THE SITUATION.

Even the Advertiser has given up hopes of Mr. P. C. Jones' success in the refunding scheme. The official organ denounces the senators who killed Minister Damon's refunding bill and substituted for it the law under which Jones is trying to make a fat commission. Senator McCandless is the special object of the wrath of the Advertiser and the responsibility of Jones' failure is to fall with a dull thud on his senatorial head.

In reviewing the facts connected with the refunding schemes we cannot support the sentiments of our esteemed contemporary. The senate killed Mr. Damon's refunding act, because the business community was unanimously opposed to it. A meeting was held in the hall of the senate to which leading financiers were invited. Minister Damon stood single handed and alone against the opposition represented by P. C. Jones, W. G. Irwin, F. M. Swanzey, J. F. Hackfeld and other prominent business men. The result is easily foreseen. The fallacy of Minister Damon's scheme was exposed by THE INDEPENDENT at the time and the refunding bill was killed.

Now comes the Advertiser trying to make a scapegoat of Senator McCandless, an attempt which will not be accepted by the friends of the senator. Senator McCandless' action in the matter of the bond legislation was prompted by Mr. P. C. Jones' assurance that a letter from Mr. Rithet gave assurances that the bonds could be floated on the terms proposed in the bills introduced by the senator. Hence the legislation for which the senator is responsible.

The majority of senators and representatives were moved to support the bond bills introduced by Senator McCandless because of a letter from Mr. P. C. Jones, in which that great financier gave them to understand that the money could be raised off hand. Mr. Jones was commissioned to proceed to America and England to get the money, and the great and good Mr. Dole prepared a great scenic display for a farewell to his Commissioner of Finance, at which the Ministers were grouped in the back ground the President and Commissioner in the fore-ground grasping hands, the President with the oil of gladness running down his beard, even into his piku, thanking his commissioner for his patriotism upon which that rotund personage exceeded and departed.

That he met failure goes without saying. His boastful assertions have proven that he is a financial windbag and nothing else. He, the hater of everything English, even

threatened to go to London to secure the fat commission that he is after. According to the official organ he has thrown up the sponge, rolled down his pantsloons, pawned his umbrella, shaven off his side-whiskers, raised purposely for the benefit of "Wales," and hidden away his monocle for future use. All we hope is that Jones has preserved a photograph of his manly form in his "English" togs.

But joking apart, why should Hawaii expect to be favorably considered in the financial headquarters of the world? We are told by the official subsidized organs of Mr. Dole's funny little republic that we are the most virtuous, wealthiest and wonderful republic on earth. A circular from the Hawaiian Mercantile Agency states that "money is easier" than last summer. That reports from the larger business houses show "a heavy increase in the volume of trade." That the prospects for consummating the loan and refunding the present debt are very good," and that "labor will find employment on Government works."

People who follow true conditions of the islands realize the utter falsehood presented in the above statements. The truth is that business is steadily decreasing. That there are no openings for labor, skilled or unskilled, and that the competition with Asiatic coolies virtually has driven the "whites" and the Hawaiians to the wall.

Why should anyone advance a cent to a government which only exists on the strength of the bayonets in the hands of a mercenary soldiery? The Hawaiians clamor for a plebiscite through which the will of the people can be learned. All of them are willing to abide by the result, whether the verdict is in favor of annexation, a permanent republic, or a Hawaiian monarchy. Mr. Dole dare not face the issue. He knows that he and his ilk would be snowed under by an avalanche of adverse votes. He knows that the Hawaiians will not sacrifice their independence and tolerate the hoisting of the Stars and Stripes until blood has been shed and the annexation of these islands taken the form of a conquest. If he does not know the true sentiments of the Hawaiians he should have remained in town and received the ocular evidence in regard to the Hawaiians' feelings given upon the death and funeral of the late Nawahi.

The demonstration in that instance could not be misunderstood. It was not Joseph Nawahi only who was honored and mourned over by the Hawaiian people. It was an object lesson given for the special benefit of Dole & Co., that not a single Hawaiian has swerved from his true allegiance to his country, and that at the grave of the lamented patriot they stood shoulder to shoulder, men and women, from Hawaii to Niihau, in righteous defense of their country and in their eternal hatred of their oppressors.

With steadily growing dissatisfaction with existing affairs, even among the so called supporters of Mr. Dole's republic, with lawlessness on the increase in imitation of Western States; with the more and more pronounced distinction between capital and labor, how can Hawaii expect to find a ready market for her bonds and a place among the established nations in the financial centres of the earth?

When Hawaii is ruled by a government by the people, of the people and for the people, her credit will be as good as that of any other independent country whether that happy event ever will occur time only can tell. In the meantime it is well for all concerned to carefully watch the misrepresentations of the official organs and the hirelings of the republic and through fair and honest investigation judge the true condition, political, financial and otherwise of Hawaii-*no*i.

IS THIS ANOTHER?

A long suffering community wants to know how many financial agents the Hawaiian tax payers at present are represented by and who is paying for this refunding circus now doing the baru-storming in the United States. The following paragraph from the New York Sun indicates that Mr. Damon's right hand man is doing the refunding act in Wall street assisted by Hatch. ("Moses" ought to be an expert in the loan business.)

Mr. Ashley, the Chief Clerk in the Finance Department of the Government of Hawaii, has arrived in the city. It is reported in Wall street that he is here for the purpose of entering into negotiations for the funding of the Hawaiian debt at a lower rate of interest in gold. The total amount of the public debt is less than \$4,000,000, and President Dole believes that it can be funded in the New York market at 4 percent as the Government is now firmly established and its revenues are nearly sufficient to meet the expenditures, and there is a prospect of an increase in them. The country is at peace, a number of its industries have been enlarged, and the various elements of the population work in their respective spheres to the advantage of all of them. President Dole's term of office extends to the last year of the century, and he is strongly supported by both Houses of the Legislature.

The Hon. F. M. Hatch, the Minister at Washington for the Hawaiian Republic, is also in the city this week, and has been registered at the Imperial Hotel. He gives a favorable account of the condition of things in the country which he represents.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The Free Kindergartens have memorialized the Government to turn the lot reclaimed on the Ewa side of the Nuuanu stream near the King street bridge into a children's park and recreation grounds. THE INDEPENDENT has always advocated this use of the ground, and gives the movement its heartiest support. Let the Palama people have a hand stand there also. They contribute to the taxes which support the band boys.

The denial of an unfounded rumor in regard to Col. McLean's retirement from military command, is slightly suggestive of the old saying: "Don't put his head under the pump." Perhaps the P. C. A. wants him removed to make way for another family compact protégé.

To enlighten some of the possible incumbents of the different branches of the Hawaiian Judiciary system, we quote a recent decision from England. The Boston referred to is consequently not the Athens of America:

The Mayor of Boston has brought an entirely original notion to bear on his dispensation of justice. One Taylor was charged with stealing a cat, and after hearing the evidence his worship addressed the defendant as follows: "On paying the costs for the trouble you have given, 9s. 6d., you will be allowed to go. We are inclined to think that you did not steal the cat."

An evening paper states that the leakage of the Punchbowl reservoir was stopped at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Residents in the vicinity state that the leaking continues and that the water is running down Alapai street this morning. The Portuguese Union sent a letter yesterday to the Minister of Interior expressing the fear of the numerous Portuguese householders below the reservoir. Several of them have moved to other parts of the town. Before a catastrophe occurs it will be well for the government to adopt the suggestion of THE INDEPENDENT to appoint a competent committee to investigate and make a report to the public.

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